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AN ORDER AND DECLARATION

Of His HIGHNES COUNCIL in *SCOTLAND*, For the GOVERNMENT thereof:

Prohibiting the bringing in of any Arms or Ammunition into SCOTLAND, *without Licence.*

WHereas there hath been of late ſome quantity of Ammunition for VVar brought into this Nation from Forreign Parts, and entered into the Cuſtom-Houſe under the name of ſome other uſual merchandizing Commodities; by which it is evident that ſome wicked and ill-affected perſons are endeavouring to lay Deſigns for the diſturbance of the preſent Quiet, which (by the bleſsing of the Lord) is now enjoyed. The Council, for the better preventing of ſuch evil Deſigns, and that henceforth no perſon whatever may pretend ignorance, have thought it very requiſite, and do therefore hereby order and declare, That whatever perſon or perſons ſhall preſume (after publication hereof) to bring into, and land in any part of this Nation, without expreſſe Licence firſt had and obtained from his Highneſſe Council here, or the Commander in Chief of his Highneſſe Forces in *Scotland*, any Arms offenſive or defenſive, or Ammunition for VVar, ſhall not only forfeit all ſuch Goods ſo brought in and landed, but alſo ſhall receive ſuch further condign puniſhment as the greatneſs of his crime ſhall deſerve. And the Commander or Maſter of any Ship or Veſſel, which ſhall after the Firſt day of *July* next enſuing the Date hereof, import into *Scotland*, and permit to be landed, any Arms or Ammunition, without Licence firſt had and obtained, as aforeſaid, ſhall not only (upon due proof thereof) undergo the pain and penalty of the loſſe and forfeiture of the Ship in which ſuch Arms and Ammunition ſhall be brought in and landed, but alſo ſhall be Impriſoned during the Council's pleaſure, and endure ſuch further puniſhment as the breach of this Declaration ſhall merit. And if any perſon or perſons whatſomever, have already received any Arms or Ammunition, for which they have not had authentick Licence, They are hereby ſtrictly required to give notice thereof, and of the Quantities of the ſaid Arms or Ammunition, to the Governour of the next adjacent Garriſon, who is hereby required and authorized to ſecure the ſame, and to give ſpeedy notice thereof unto the Council, to the end the reſpective Proprietors ſo voluntarily diſcovering the ſame, may have due Compenſation given them therefore. And if any perſon or perſons ſhall make diſcovery of any Arms or Ammunition already brought in and concealed, or which hereafter ſhall be brought in and landed, contrary to the tenour of theſe Preſents, ſuch perſon and perſons making ſuch Diſcovery, ſhall not only therefore be reputed well-affected to the Quiet and Peace of this Nation, but ſhall alſo receive to the full value of one half or moyetie of the ſaid Goods, and ſuch further fitting Encouragement as ſhall be found requiſite. And all Governours of Sea-Ports, and all Officers belonging to the Cuſtoms, are hereby authorized and required to put this Order and Declaration in Execution ſo far as in them lyes. And this Proclamation is to continue and be in force until the Firſt day of *July*, which ſhall be in the Year of our Lord, One thouſand ſix hundred fifty and ſeven, and no longer. Given at *Edinburgh* the Fifth day of *June*, 1656.

Signed in the Name, and by Order of the Council.

BROGHILL, Preſident.

Thurſday the Fifth day of *June*, 1656.

At his Highneſs Council in EDINBURGH,

ORdered, *That the above Order and Declaration be forthwith Printed and Publiſhed.*

EMANUEL DOWNING, Cl. of the Council.

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